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To Young Farmers

by Tommy Gladden

Our congratulations and appreciation go out to the Bowman chapter for hosting an excellent ninth summer tour, June 28-29. Stops at Food Lion's new distribution and warehouse facilities, Patten Seed Co., and A. L. Felder Farms showed agriculture at work in a variety of different areas. The Friday night social and Barbeque lunch on Saturday were as always highlights of our tour.

We would also like to thank the agribusinesses which helped sponsor the tour, for without their support, this tour would not have been possible.

Indiana Young Farmers will be hosting the 19th National Young Farmers Educational Institute in Indianapolis on Dec. 4-7. Contact your state officers or this office for information.

All chapters should submit entries in the contests and awards program. Forms have been distributed to advisors and applications are due Nov. 1 except for corn and soybeans, which may be submitted no later than Dec. 1. All award winners will be recognized at the State Convention to be held Jan. 17-18 at the Marriott, Columbia.

To Future Farmers

by J. Earl Frick, Jr.

Congratulations to the FFA members, advisors and chapters who were recognized at the 1985 State FFA Convention held at Clemson University June 12-14. Many of the people recognized at the convention appear in this issue of the magazine, and we share pride in their accomplishments.

Plans are underway for the trip to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, November 14-16. Our South Carolina Delegation will depart on Wednesday, November 13 and return on Sunday, November 17. Airline travel is currently being negotiated, and rates look much more favorable than the past few years. Your advisor should contact the district consultant serving your area of the state right away if you are interested in going to Kansas City.

Final information regarding the exact cost will be determined within a few days. Official voting delegates from South Carolina will be Dan Poston, State President from Britton's Neck and Michelle Milller, State Vice President from Pleasant Hill. The other state officers, Teresa Hurt from Saluda, Steve McGaha from Belton-Honea Path, Billy Stroud from Clover and John Hutto from Edisto, will serve as alternate delegates. Make your plans to participate in an exciting and educational National FFA Convention.

The beginning of a new school year is an important time for FFA members and officers to plan the program of activities for the chapter. A program of activities is the road map or guide for the chapter to arrive at planned goals during the year.

Cover Photo:

A bountiful harvest brings smiles in South Carolina, and children of all ages are ready to enjoy the results of efforts from Future Farmers and Young Farmers. Cover photo shows the fate of the "Big Pumpkins" being planned by Dr. Shelton Stewart, professor of Genetics at Lander College, center, and his daughters, Carol Stewart, left, and Ann Stewart, right. (Photo by Gerald H. Taylor of Greenwood)

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58th SCFFA Convention

In a dramatic presentation before a hushed FFA convention crowd, Tracy Yarborough, 1984-85 FFA president, took on the role of a Vietnam veteran. Before the captivated audience, he reminisced about the war.

His message was clear.

In the worst of times, the FFA creed was there providing guidance. It strengthened him to go on and face life.

Then the spotlight swung over to the left corner of the stage and all eyes focused on the U.S.A. flag as Lee Greenwood's hit, "God Bless the U.S.A.," played in the background.

With this introduction, the 58th annual convention of the South Carolina Association of Future Farmers of America, which met at Clemson University's Tillman Hall Auditorium, was bound for success.

Yarborough banged the gavel and the program and opening ceremonies began on June 12, 1985.

Dr. Bill L. Atchley, president of Clemson University, discussed leadership and what it really means to believe in America. He urged participants to climb the mountains and not walk in the valleys. "Self-esteem within each person is the key to success," he emphasized.

Dr. Moody Oswald, director of the Office of Vocational Education, brought greetings from the State Department of Education and commended the group for their enthusiasm and achievements.

A letter from D. Leslie Tindall, commissioner of Agriculture, saluting the youth of the nation, was read.

Michael Gayaldo, National FFA Secretary brought greetings from the national office and urged members to get the most out of their membership in FFA.

By this time, the convention participants knew they were tops.

A variety of awards were presented throughout the convention. Included were: Agriculture Proficiency Awards, State and District Star Farmer Awards, State Awards for the National Chapter Safety Award Program, Agricultural Electrification Awards, Computers in Agriculture FFA Awards, BOAC Awards, and Individual Future Farmer Contest Awards.

In addition, a scholarship for Agricultural Education and the Lex McDowell Scholarship were awarded.

Honorary State Farmer Degrees were presented to 28 individuals.

A number of speakers inspired the delegates throughout the convention. These included State FFA Officers for 1984-85. Each officer gave an excellent retiring address and then at the end of the Fourth General Session on Friday, the new leaders for 1985-86 emerged and took control of the program.

Following the installation of new State FFA Officers, Dan Poston, the new FFA president, received the gavel and, along with all the new state officers, commended the out-going officers for a job very well done.

With the last pounding of the gavel by President Poston, the annual convention came to a close.

It didn't end there, however.

Participants left the auditorium with a sense of purpose. They had heard stimulating speakers, received awards for excellence, and had been a part of a dynamic group. They had been challenged to do better than their best.

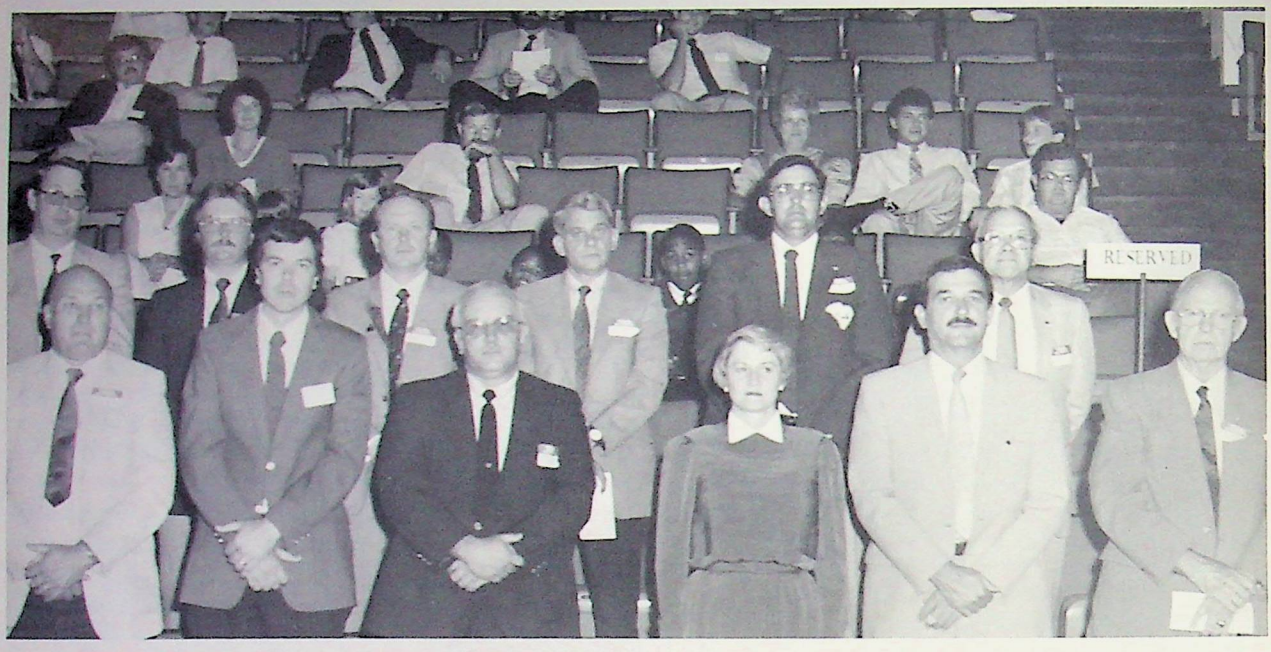
The future is theirs.

Michael Gayaldo, National FFA Secretary.

Dr. Bill L. Atchley, President of Clemson University, emphasized leadership development and patriotism at the opening session of the 58th annual SCFFA Convention at Clemson.

Ray Hickman of Anderson, convention organist.

Honorary State Farmer Degree Awards



Twenty eight individuals were presented the Honorary State Farmer degree at the annual SCFFA Convention at Clemson University. The degree is awarded in recognition of the recipients leadership and contribution to the achievement of vocational agricultural education and the Future Farmers of America in South Carolina. Recipients shown above include left to right, first row, B.F. Wyatt, agriculture teacher at Anderson; Hugh Bland, agriculture teacher at Strom Thurmond High School in Edgefield County; Charles Gray, area extension agent of Spartanburg; Dr. Anne L. Matthews of Columbia, chief supervisor of program planning and development for vocational education; Dr. Moody Oswald, director of the office of Vocational Education, S.C. Department of Education; and Walter McKinney of Columbia, secretary-treasurer of S.C. Rural Rehabilitation Corporation. Second row, Alex Yarborough, agriculture teacher at St. Johns High School, Darlington; Benjamin Hardee, agriculture teacher at Loris High School; Bobby R. Anderson, director of Sumter Career Center; Harvey Graham, Jr. of Graham Brothers Farm Supply, Loris; and Clarence Bonnette of Springfield. Others receiving the degree not shown include Frank Sandifer, agriculture teacher at Floyd D. Johnson AVC, York; James Gary Futrell, National 4-H Club Council, Chevy Chase, MD.; and Harry Wimberly of Branchville, president of S.C. Association of Young Farmers. Honorary State Farmer degrees also were presented to parents of State FFA officers listed below.

Bowman Young Farmers Host For Summer Tour

The ninth annual summer tour for South Carolina Young Farmers featured visits to three progressive business firms in the Bowman community with Bowman Young Farmer Chapter as host.

Activities got underway, Friday night, June 28 with a social at the Ramada Inn. Tour activities were conducted Saturday. Highlights of the tour included stops at Food Lion, Patten Seed Company, and the A.L. Felder Farms, Inc.

Hugh Weathers, president of Bowman Young Farmers, said the tour provided much of interest and education in the field of agri-business including food processing and sales, farm production, and transportation.

Forty-five sponsors contributed to the success of this tour through their support.

Parents of FFA Officers

Parents of State FFA officers who received Honorary State Farmer degrees included Jimmy and Leona Yarborough of Coward, Richard Thompson of Spartanburg, Diana Bradley of Spartanburg, David and Betty Carroll of York, Neville and Paula Cribb of Hemingway, Edsel and Jo Ann Williams of Gresham, Lynn and Joyce Furtick of Orangeburg; and John Raymond and Barbara Cook of Trenton.

National FFA Foundation

Star Farmer Develops Leadership Abilities

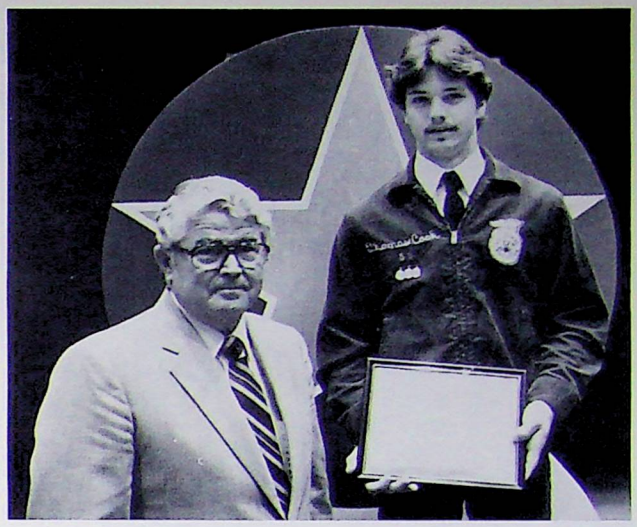
Thomas R. Cook of Strom Thurmond FFA Chapter, was honored as State Star Farmer of the South Carolina Association of Future Farmers of America at the FFA Convention in June.

A graduate of Strom Thurmond High School, he served his chapter as reporter and president. He has been active in leadership activities, having participated in local public speaking and parliamentary procedure competition, and was a member of soil judging, livestock judging, livestock showmanship and agricultural mechanics teams. During 1984, he showed livestock in four agricultural fairs.

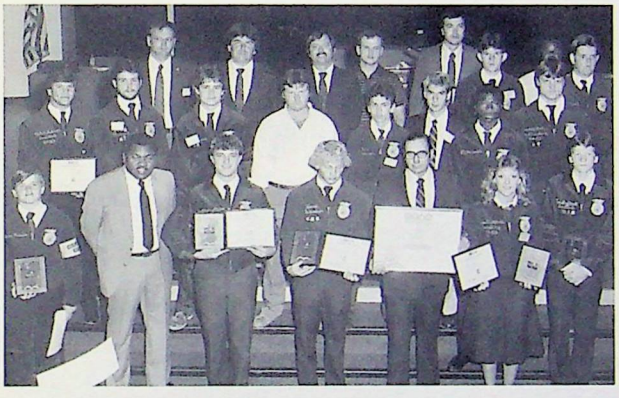
His busy schedule of activities has included helping his FFA Chapter with public relations and fund raising activities, and was active in school athletics as a football player.

His supervised farming program included a partnership in 6,200 broilers, 8,200 peach trees, and 1,200 plum trees.

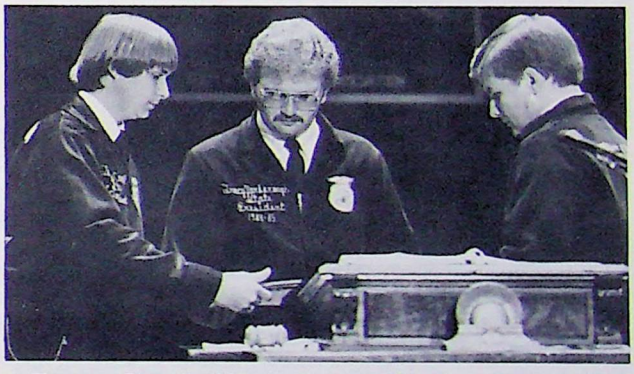
The Star Farmer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Cook of Trenton. His agriculture teacher, Hugh M. Bland, worked closely with the Star Farmer in reaching the attainment of Star Farmer.



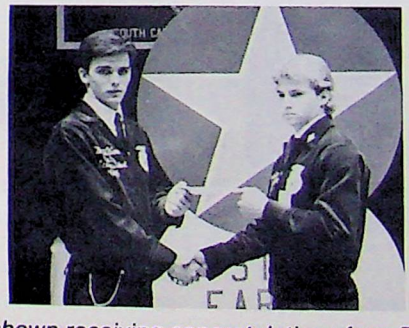
Thomas R. Cook of Strom Thurmond High School, was named the 1985 State Star Farmer of the SCFFA. He is shown receiving the award from W.K. Jordan, Jr., assistant field operations director of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, left, who presented it on behalf of the SC Association of Future Farmers of America, and FCIC through the National FFA Foundation.

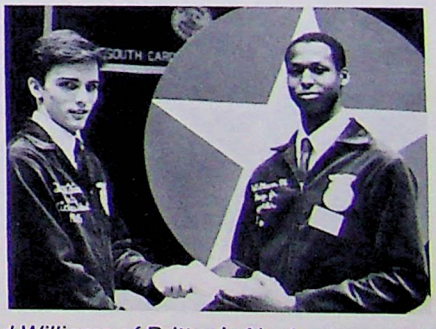


Winners in "Building Our American Community" awards are shown above. David Richardson of Mullins FFA Chapter, center front row, was State Individual BOAC winner.



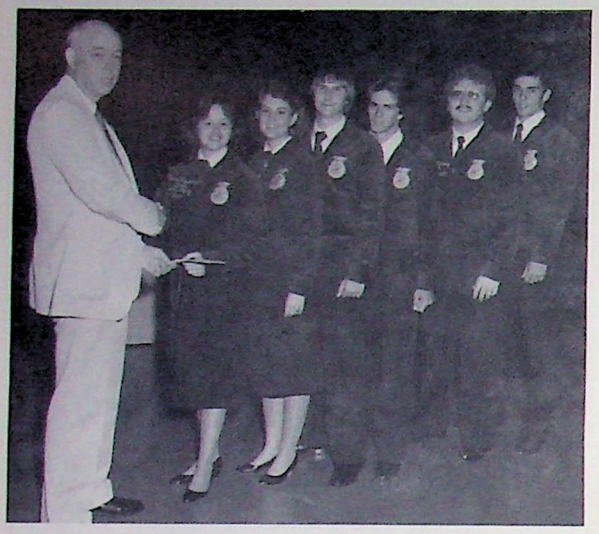
Tommy Carroll of York, vice president, and Tracy Yarborough of Lake City, president, discuss the program with a delegate as convention activities get underway.





Each of the District Star Farmers are shown receiving congratulations from Thad Williams of Britton's Neck, vice president. They include, left to right, Mitchell Smith of Winnsboro, District 2; Randall E. Cox of Loris, District 3; and William H. Ray, Jr. of Hunter Kinard-Tyler High School, District 4.

Outgoing Officers



State FFA advisor Hugh McClimon, left, congratulates the outgoing State FFA officers for a job well done. They include, left to right, Nancy Thompson, secretary; Debbie Cribb, vice president; Tommy Carroll, vice president; Keith Furtick, vice president; Tracy Yarborough, president; and Thad Williams, vice president.

New Officers

New SCFFA officers include, left to right, Michelle Miller, vice president; Teresa Hurt, secretary; Dan Poston, president; Billy Stroud, reporter; John Hutto, sentinel; and Steve MaGaha, treasurer.

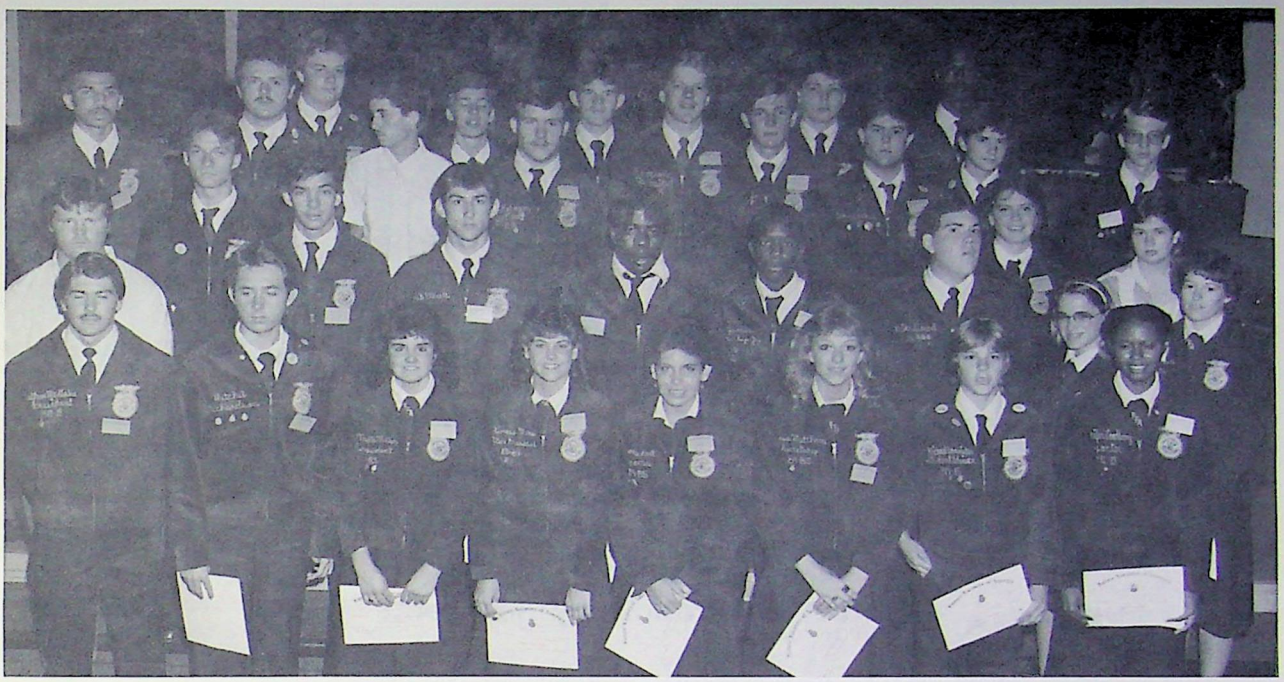
FFA Creed

Winners in the FFA Creed Speaking Contest include, left to right, Aaron Reason, first place; Melanie Avant, second, and Kyle Taylor, third. The contest included reciting the Creed, and explaining what it means.

Ag Ed Scholarship

Teresa Lynn Hurt of Saluda High School, was the recipient of the Agricultural Education Scholarship. It was presented by Walter Cousins of Newberry, president of the South Carolina Plant Food Educational Society which sponsors the scholarship to a freshman enrolling at Clemson University in the study of agriculture or agricultural education. Advisors of the Saluda Chapter are Dan Henderson and John Crawford.

State Farmer Degree Recipients



A highlight of the convention was the presentation of State Farmer degrees in recognition of outstanding achievement resulting from the application of practices acquired in their study of vocational agriculture. Those shown above who received this award include: District 1, Thomas R. Cook, Michael Bannister, Louie Hughes, Steven McGaha, John Watt, Barry Rhodes, Tony White, Larry Satcher, Jr., Jarrad Powell, Charles Anderson, Thomas Horne, Teresa Hurt, Randall Porter, Jeffrey Clayton, Larry Davis, Jr., Dean Gahagan, Chris Hendrix, Cliff Owens, James Atchley, Camilla Browne, Tina Cox, Elizabeth Pitts, David Pruitt, Mike Robertson, Mike Utter, and Charles Woodruff. Also District 2: Mitchell Smith, Marty Black, Billy Stroud, William Dickson, Jimmy Good, and Tracy Ferguson, III, also District 3; Randall Cox, Trent Arnold, Joseph Kirven, Tim Kirven, Lonnie Howle, Jr., James Howle, Jr., Jody Tedder, Bret Elliott, James Darby, Jr., Kevin Owens, Lisa Matthews, John Brown, Darrell Pope, Robert Owens, Patricia Port, Jerome Wright, Michelle Miller, Denise Marsh, Cynthia Woodbury, Kerri Powell, Marion Wright, III, John Frasier, Jr., Randall Phipps, Melissa Tyler, David Morris, Rudolf Gerald, Jr., Joseph Richardson, Alan Richardson, Timothy Vestal, Johnny Burch, Clayton Cannon; and District 4; William Ray, Jr., Mark Cumbee, Michael Dowd, Steve Agic, and John Hutto, IV

South Carolina State Fair
October 18-27, 1985

FFA Highlights Include:
Beef Cattle and Swine Judging Competition

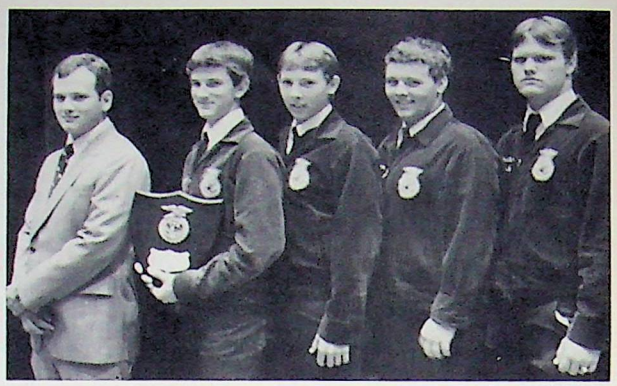
BE THERE!

See the Best in Exhibits and Showmanship Competition

Flouriculture Award

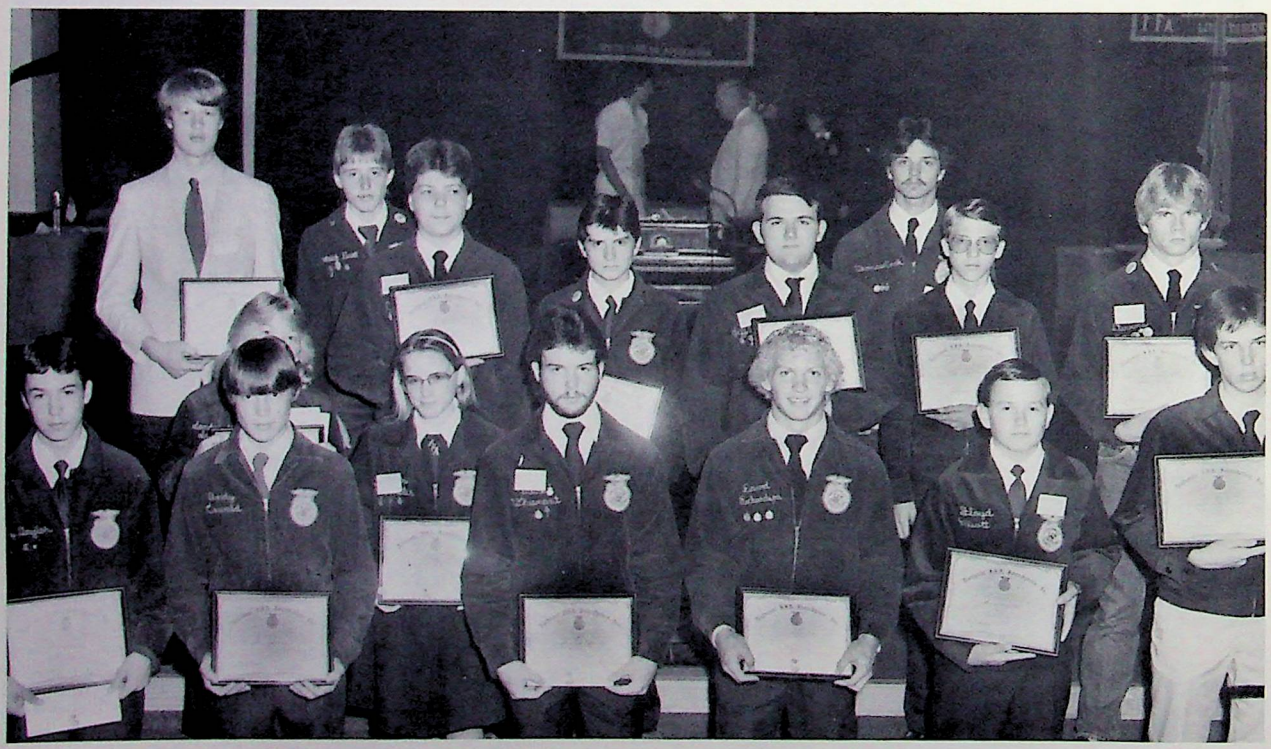
Floriculture First Place Winners included, left to right, George Reed, advisor, Andrew Gaylord, Richard Helmly, and Buddy Landreth.

Agricultural Mechanics Winners



State First Ag Mechanics Award Winners include left to right, Dan Henderson, advisor; Russ Miller, Wayne Anderson, Charles Anderson, and Randall Porter.

Agriculture Proficiency Recipients



Agricultural Proficiency winners who were presented awards at the convention are shown above, and the names are listed on the adjoining page. The awards are presented to assist deserving members to become established in farming or in an agricultural occupation.

Agricultural Proficiency Awards

Seventeen Future Farmers were presented agricultural proficiency awards during the FFA convention. Those receiving this recognition are shown in the photograph on the opposite page. Recipients, and respective category, follow:

Kyle Taylor, Gilbert, Nursery Operations. This award was sponsored by Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation.

Mark Whisnant, Agricultural Sales/Service which was sponsored by Allis-Chalmers.

David Richardson, Mullins Chapter, Agriculture Electrification, sponsored by the Food and Energy Council, Inc.

Randall Lyle Price, Gilbert Chapter, Agriculture Mechanics. International Harvestor sponsored the award.

Evan Rainwater, Dorman Chapter, Beef Production, co-sponsored by Nasco and Sperry-New Holland.

Sammy Callahan, Belton-Honea Path Chapter, Diversified Crop Production, sponsored by the Cargill Foundation.

John Teasley Watt, Crescent Chapter, Diversified Livestock Production, co-sponsored by A.O. Smith Harvestore Products, Inc. and Wayne Feeds, division of Allied Mills, Inc.

Dwight A. Rainwater, Dorman Chapter, Forage Production Award, was co-sponsored by Hesston Corp. and the General Fund, National FFA Foundation.

Thomas R. Cook, Thurmond Chapter, Fruit and/or Vegetable Production, sponsored by Briggs and Straton Corp., Foundation.

Brently O. Mitchell, Dorman Chapter, Home and /or Farmstead Improvement, sponsored by Upjohn, Tuco, Asgrow and Cobb, Agricultural Division of the Upjohn Co.

Sandra E. Butler, Walterboro Chapter, Horse Proficiency, sponsored by the American Quarter Horse Association.

The Placement in Agriculture Production Award went to Mike Utter, Dorman Chapter. The award was co-sponsored by Class of America, Inc. and The General Fund, National FFA Foundation.

Scott Anderson, Dorman Chapter, Poultry Production Award, sponsored by Kentucky Fried Chicken, Red Brand Fence, and Chore-Time Equipment, Inc.

Camilla Franks Browne, Dorman Chapter, Specialty Animal Production Award, sponsored by The General Fund, National FFA Foundation.

Kevin Greenwood, Johnsville Chapter, Specialty Crop Production Award, sponsored by the R. J. Reynolds Industries, Inc.

Floyd Elliott, Green Sea Floyds Chapter, Swine Production Award, sponsored by Pfizer, Inc.

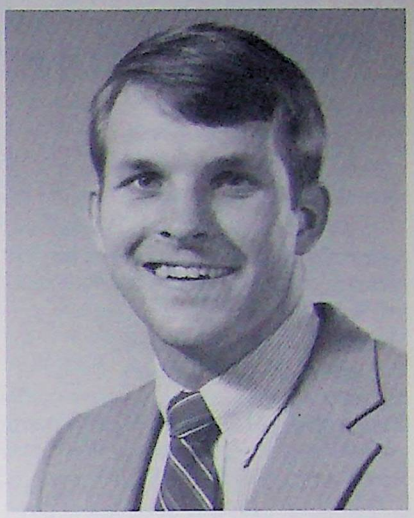
Vance Patrick Evatt, Dorman Chapter, Turf and Landscape Management, sponsored by O.M. Scotts and Sons.

Kendall Wayne Smith, Boiling Springs Chapter, Wildlife Management, sponsored by Phillip Morris, Inc.

Management Team

The Farm Business Management team included Dan Poston, Michael Turbeville and James Cannon of Britton's Neck FFA Chapter. Jerry Pace, left, is advisor of the chapter.

New Staff Member



Tommy Gladden of Winnsboro, has been appointed vocational agricultural education consultant with the Office of Vocational Education, State Department of Education.

A son of a former teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Tommy Gladden, Sr., the new consultant has been active in vocational agriculture and FFA activities throughout high school and during the past five years as a teacher of vocational agriculture. He is the son of Mrs. Sarah Gladden, and the late Tom Gladden.

He brings a rich background of FFA, agricultural education, vocational education, and leadership into his new responsibilities.

A native of Winnsboro, Mr. Gladden was graduated from Winnsboro High School, and received B.S. and M.S. degrees from Clemson University. He has taught vocational agriculture at Newberry County Vocational Center, Saluda High School, and for the past two years at Fairfield County Vocational Center. At Fairfield AVC, he conducted classes in agriculture, horticulture, and forestry.

Active in FFA activities in high school, he served as State FFA president during 1975-76, received the American Farmer degree, and was a candidate for National FFA officer.

He served as Cherry Grove FFA Camp Counselor from 1977-1980.

He currently serves as president-elect of the South Carolina Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association.

FFA Leadership Conference Emphasizes Personal Leadership Skills

by Frances Taylor

Nestled in Cherry Grove, SC is a very special camp.

It is the Cherry Grove FFA Camp site of the FFA Chapter Officers Leadership Training Conference held June 25-27, 1985.

What a conference it was!

George Smith, President of the Personal/Life Skills Center in Lexington, SC began the 3-day conference with his dynamic presentation on Personal Leadership Skills.

"You are where you are because of your dominating thoughts," he told the captivated group. "Your only limitations are in your mind and you must motivate yourself if your really want something."

Smith urged members to get involved, be enthusiastic and really develop the skill of listening. He stressed the importance of writing goals down and then asked the FFA members to fill in a Personal Skills Map.

In the afternoon session, the group took a closer look at their responses on the map as Smith explained what each section meant.

"YOU choose whether it will be a good day or a bad day," he said. "The first fifteen minutes of every morning when you wake up will determine your whole day, so program your day to be good."

Following this session FFA members quickly headed for the beach.

On Thursday morning, basic information was covered. Topics included were: parliamentary procedure, ideas for chapter meetings, how to give a speech, etc.

Billy Stroud, FFA reporter, presented some valuable tips on how to give a speech.

"Breath deeply, and get interested in what you're saying," he said. "Smile, know your first sentence well, and practice! Remember to dress neatly and have a positive attitude."

Laurie Staggs advised the gathering on etiquette and banquet manners.

"When you look good, FFA looks good," Ms. Staggs said.

Dr. John Rodgers, head of the Agricultural Education Department at Clemson University, brought encouraging news to the students by emphasizing that jobs were available! He encouraged the students to pursue their dreams in FFA.

Later that same day, the FFA Chapter Officers Leadership Training Conference featured a parent-member simulation banquet.

And what a banquet it was!

All throughout the conference, participants had exhibited professionalism and excellence. At the banquet, they were tops.

With a congenial atmosphere, soft ocean breezes, and perfect food, guests could not help but be impressed.

Following the meal, Tracy Yarborough, 1984-85 state president, gave the address.

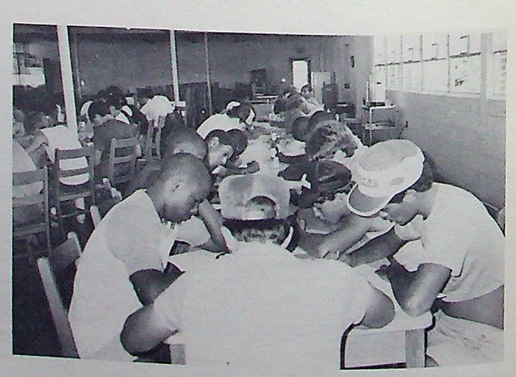
"Remember to have a blast all the time," he told the group. "YOU can do whatever you want to do. You don't have to worry about anyone else but yourself. Strive to reach your goals because you only have one chance at life."

Conference participants were on the right track. When the meetings were over and the last trip to the beach had been made, they went their separate ways - with one though in mind - to be the best they could be.

Group Sessions

Strategy was discussed in group sessions.

Personal Skill Map



FFA members complete their personal skills map and eagerly anticipate the results.

Future Farmers Plan National Convention

"An enriching Experience" will be awaiting the more than 100 South Carolina Future Farmers who will attend the National Convention of Future Farmers of America, November 13-17 in Kansas City, Mo.

Convention sessions will be held in the huge Kansas City Municipal Auditorium.

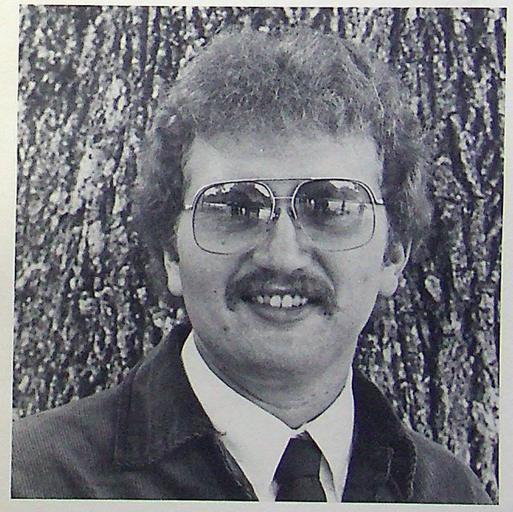
Many Future Farmers in the South Carolina delegation will share in national awards presented during the five-day convention program.

Eight members will receive the American Farmer degree, one of the highest honors that can be attained in vocational agriculture classes and FFA work in high school.

South Carolina also will have recipients in National Chapter awards, Building Our American Communities (BOAC) awards, and National Safety awards. Five judging teams from the State will compete in National Livestock Judging, Nursery/Landscape contest, and Floricultural Competition.

An honorary American Farmer degree and a special recognition citation will be bestowed on two adult leaders in Future Farmer activities.

The National FFA Convention for 58 years has served to bring farm youth from throughout America together in Kansas City where they share experiences, work together, and received recognition for achievements in leadership and FFA activities, according to Hugh McClimon, State consultant for Vocational Agriculture, State Department of Education. The convention also serves to motivate and further inspire these young people toward preparation for career goals, and in their academic and vocational studies in high school," Mr. McClimon added.



Tracy Yarborough, 1984-85 SCFFA president, kept the conference moving with a dynamic presentation at the banquet session.

American Farmer Degrees Go To Eight SC Future Farmers

Eight members of the South Carolina Association of Future Farmers of America have been recommended by the National FFA Board of Directors to receive the American Farmer degree at the National FFA Convention, November 13-17.

This honor is presented in recognition of achievement in agriculture and leadership.

South Carolina Future Farmers recommended for this award include Deborah Cribb of Hemingway, Pleasant Hill FFA Chapter; Michael Crim of Lexington, Pelion FFA Chapter; James Hill of Abbeville FFA Chapter; and Thomas Larrimore of Gresham, Britton's Neck FFA Chapter.

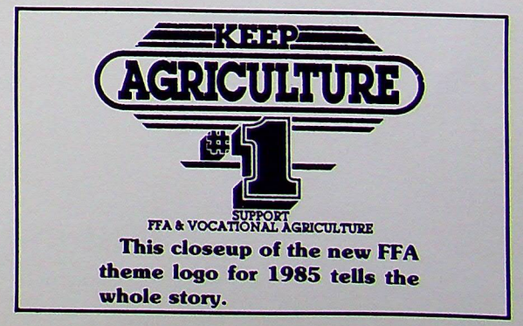
Also Becky Shelby of Roebuck, Paul M. Dorman FFA Chapter; Timmy Todd of Loris FFA Chapter; Brana Williams of Hemingway, Pleasant Hill FFA Chapter; and Thad Williams of Gresham, Britton's Neck FFA Chapter.

They are scheduled to receive the degree in a special ceremony Friday November 15 in the Kansas City, Mo. Municipal Auditorium. Each recipient also will receive a gold key.

Travel awards will be presented to American Farmer degree recipients to offset their travel expenses to the convention.

Travel awards and gold keys are co-sponsored by J.I. Case, A. Tenneco Company, Racine, Wis.; Cyanamid Agricultural Division of Wayne, N.J.; Na-Churs Plant Food Company, Marion, Ohio; The Nation's Federal Land Banks, Denver, Colo; The Nation's Production Credit Associations, Denver, Colo., and Pioneer Hi Bred international, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa.

The American Farmer degree is presented by the National FFA only to members who have demonstrated exceptional agricultural and leadership achievements and show evidence of becoming successfully established in an agricultural occupation. FFA members are eligible to apply for the degree after earning the State Farmer degree in their respective state. They must have been an active member of the FFA continuously for at least three years and have a record of participation in the activities of their local FFA Chapter and state association.



This closeup of the new FFA theme logo for 1985 tells the whole story.

FFA Leadership Conference Emphasizes Personal Leadership Skills

by Frances Taylor

Nestled in Cherry Grove, SC is a very special camp.

It is the Cherry Grove FFA Camp site of the FFA Chapter Officers Leadership Training Conference held June 25-27, 1985.

What a conference it was!

George Smith, President of the Personal/Life Skills Center in Lexington, SC began the 3-day conference with his dynamic presentation on Personal Leadership Skills.

"You are where you are because of your dominating thoughts," he told the captivated group. "Your only limitations are in your mind and you must motivate yourself if your really want something."

Smith urged members to get involved, be enthusiastic and really develop the skill of listening. He stressed the importance of writing goals down and then asked the FFA members to fill in a Personal Skills Map.

In the afternoon session, the group took a closer look at their responses on the map as Smith explained what each section meant.

"YOU choose whether it will be a good day or a bad day," he said. "The first fifteen minutes of every morning when you wake up will determine your whole day, so program your day to be good."

Following this session FFA members quickly headed for the beach.

On Thursday morning, basic information was covered. Topics included were: parliamentary procedure, ideas for chapter meetings, how to give a speech, etc.

Billy Stroud, FFA reporter, presented some valuable tips on how to give a speech.

"Breath deeply, and get interested in what you're saying," he said. "Smile, know your first sentence well, and practice! Remember to dress neatly and have a positive attitude."

Laurie Staggs advised the gathering on etiquette and banquet manners.

"When you look good, FFA looks good," Ms. Staggs said.

Dr. John Rodgers, head of the Agricultural Education Department at Clemson University, brought encouraging news to the students by emphasizing that jobs were available! He encouraged the students to pursue their dreams in FFA.

Later that same day, the FFA Chapter Officers Leadership Training Conference featured a parent-member simulation banquet.

And what a banquet it was!

All throughout the conference, participants had exhibited professionalism and excellence. At the banquet, they were tops.

With a congenial atmosphere, soft ocean breezes, and perfect food, guests could not help but be impressed.

Following the meal, Tracy Yarborough, 1984-85 state president, gave the address.

"Remember to have a blast all the time," he told the group. "YOU can do whatever you want to do. You don't have to worry about anyone else but yourself. Strive to reach your goals because you only have one chance at life."

Conference participants were on the right track. When the meetings were over and the last trip to the beach had been made, they went their separate ways - with one though in mind - to be the best they could be.

Group Sessions

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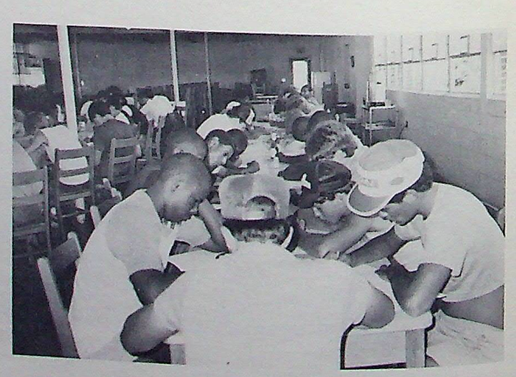
Personal Skill Map



FFA members complete their personal skills map and eagerly anticipate the results.

Future Farmers Plan National Convention

"An enriching Experience" will be awaiting the more than 100 South Carolina Future Farmers who will attend the National Convention of Future Farmers of America, November 13-17 in Kansas City, Mo.

Convention sessions will be held in the huge Kansas City Municipal Auditorium.

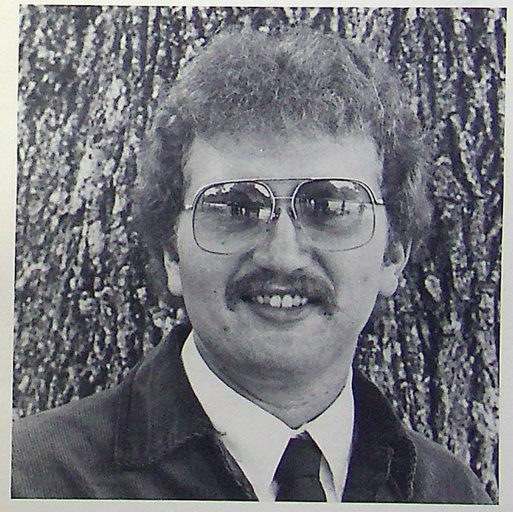
Many Future Farmers in the South Carolina delegation will share in national awards presented during the five-day convention program.

Eight members will receive the American Farmer degree, one of the highest honors that can be attained in vocational agriculture classes and FFA work in high school.

South Carolina also will have recipients in National Chapter awards, Building Our American Communities (BOAC) awards, and National Safety awards. Five judging teams from the State will compete in National Livestock Judging, Nursery/Landscape contest, and Floricultural Competition.

An honorary American Farmer degree and a special recognition citation will be bestowed on two adult leaders in Future Farmer activities.

The National FFA Convention for 58 years has served to bring farm youth from throughout America together in Kansas City where they share experiences, work together, and received recognition for achievements in leadership and FFA activities, according to Hugh McClimon, State consultant for Vocational Agriculture, State Department of Education. The convention also serves to motivate and further inspire these young people toward preparation for career goals, and in their academic and vocational studies in high school," Mr. McClimon added.



Tracy Yarborough, 1984-85 SCFFA president, kept the conference moving with a dynamic presentation at the banquet session.

American Farmer Degrees Go To Eight SC Future Farmers

Eight members of the South Carolina Association of Future Farmers of America have been recommended by the National FFA Board of Directors to receive the American Farmer degree at the National FFA Convention, November 13-17.

This honor is presented in recognition of achievement in agriculture and leadership.

South Carolina Future Farmers recommended for this award include Deborah Cribb of Hemingway, Pleasant Hill FFA Chapter; Michael Crim of Lexington, Pelion FFA Chapter; James Hill of Abbeville FFA Chapter; and Thomas Larrimore of Gresham, Britton's Neck FFA Chapter.

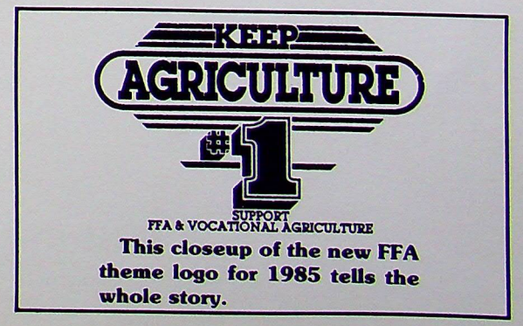
Also Becky Shelby of Roebuck, Paul M. Dorman FFA Chapter; Timmy Todd of Loris FFA Chapter; Brana Williams of Hemingway, Pleasant Hill FFA Chapter; and Thad Williams of Gresham, Britton's Neck FFA Chapter.

They are scheduled to receive the degree in a special ceremony Friday November 15 in the Kansas City, Mo. Municipal Auditorium. Each recipient also will receive a gold key.

Travel awards will be presented to American Farmer degree recipients to offset their travel expenses to the convention.

Travel awards and gold keys are co-sponsored by J.I. Case, A. Tenneco Company, Racine, Wis.; Cyanamid Agricultural Division of Wayne, N.J.; Na-Churs Plant Food Company, Marion, Ohio; The Nation's Federal Land Banks, Denver, Colo; The Nation's Production Credit Associations, Denver, Colo., and Pioneer Hi Bred international, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa.

The American Farmer degree is presented by the National FFA only to members who have demonstrated exceptional agricultural and leadership achievements and show evidence of becoming successfully established in an agricultural occupation. FFA members are eligible to apply for the degree after earning the State Farmer degree in their respective state. They must have been an active member of the FFA continuously for at least three years and have a record of participation in the activities of their local FFA Chapter and state association.



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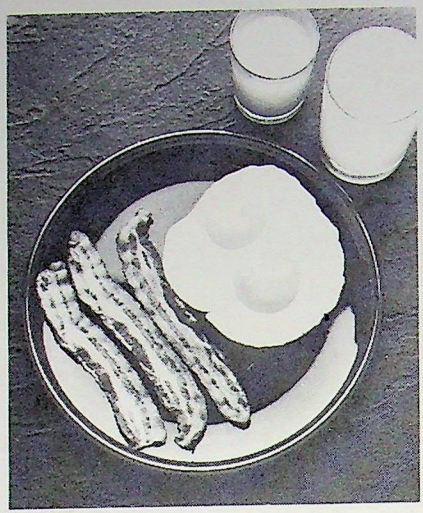

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